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FACT SHEET

SANDERS SEEKS PRIVATE SECTOR BIDS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

In a move to ensure that the City of San Diego is getting the best possible information technology service for the lowest cost to taxpayers, Mayor Jerry Sanders announced today that the City will allow the private sector to compete against the Data Processing Corporation (DPC) for the right to provide these services.

“We want to make sure that we’re getting the biggest bang for our buck,” said Sanders. “While we don’t know what cost savings might be realized, I do believe that competition is very healthy.”

DPC has provided information technology services to the City for 30 years. They range from the maintenance of the city’s 9,200 PC’s, 1,200 laptops, and more than 10,000 telephones, to technical support, to the operation of its web and database servers. The total contract with DPC is worth approximately \$45 million a year.

Instead of putting the entire contract out to bid at once, the City will do it in phases beginning with the help desk and desktop support. The request for proposals (RFP) for these services will be issued today. The City hopes to have a provider begin work by July 1, 2010.

The second phase will involve the City’s telephone service. The RFP will be released later this year or early next year, with a provider in place by next summer or early fall.

The third phase will involve web hosting and the operation of the City’s data center. These services will be put out to bid once the first two phases are underway.

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